A BIG LOCKOUT BEGUN. THREAT OF THE CLOTHING CONTRAC-

TORS' ASSOCIATION CARRIED OUT.

AN EFFORT TO REPUDIATE THE AGREEMENT FOR WEEKLY WORK AND TO RESTORE THE TASK

WORK SYSTEM-THE NUMBER OF SHOPS AND MEN AFFECTED-WHAT

EACH SIDE SAYS.

The threat of the members of the Clothing and the battle between the bosses and the men ow on. The contractors made no concealment of their intentions to repudiate the agreent which they had made with the Brotherderstand that they could no longer work for nless they consented to do so under a different system and a new set of rules. The selves, and if the men did not like them they would have to get out.

Hundreds of shops are affected by this action out of employment. The lockout is not confined | liberty by their captors. to this city alone, but has already extended to It was exceedingly difficult yesterday to get accurate figures in relation to the numshops that have already been closed, or of the men who have been locked out. Enough information was obtained, however, to show that the existing trouble is most serious, and Up to a late hour last night reports had been received at the headquarters of the besses and the men showing that over one hundred shops had been closed in this city, and 2,000 tailors

In Brooklyn 150 shops were closed and about 2,200 tailors were debarred from entering. LIVELY TIMES ON THE EAST SIDE.

were lively times on the East Side yesterday, and in the neighborhood of Walhalla Hall, in Orchard-st., the populace appeared to senor quesada says that the government be in a highly excited condition. The tailors gathered at the hall in large numbers early in the morning to receive the latest news and to get instructions from the leaders of their trade organizations as to what they should do. were told to report at the shops for work as usual, and see what the bosses were going to the lockout, and many thought that the bosses' threat was merely a "bluff" made for the purlation to the formation of a new set of shop When they went to the shops, however, they found that notices were posted informing hem that if they wanted to work any longer for the proprietors they would have to do so under new conditions. The notices were printed in Hebrew, and when translated read as fol-

The men refused to go to work, and were then told to get out. They immediately re-turned to Walhalla Halt and reported to the officers of the union what had occurred. PLENTY OF SPEECH-MARING.

mass-meeting was held in the hall, and speech-making was indulged in the greater part of the day. Herman Wachsman acted as chairman, and among the speakers were Morris Rosenfeld, B. Cohen and Herman Robinson. speakers exclaimed: "Will you go back to the task-work system?"

you go back to the task-work system?" pandemonium broke loose, and loud cries of "No! No!" were heard from all par's of the hall. Herman Robinson, secretary of the union, when seen by a reporter for The Tribune, said: "We have been expecting trouble for the last two days. We are not afraid of the result of the contractors' action in locking out our men, as we are very strong. Work is slack just now, and the contractors have been kicking; but we have got them in our power, as our agreement is legal, and they will suffer for breaking it. Several of the largest sweatshops have been burned down of late, including one in Pelham-st., one in Clinton-st., and another at No. 160 Attorney-st. About one thousand tailors were thrown out of work and the contractors think they can get them to help fight us. But they would be only a drop in the bucket. The contractors held a meeting last Monday night and one at Apollo Hail on Thursday night. On Saturday night they met at Roberts Hall, No. 200 East Broadway, and are making that place their headquarters. They made the rules and decided to post them in aking that place their headquarter in ade the rules and decided to post them in

have heard from about one hundred We have heard from the shops to-day to far, and not a tailor is at work in them. About two thousand men are locked out from these shops."

ALLEGED EFFORTS OF THE CONTRACTORS. Meyer Schoenfeld, general organizer of the Brotherhood of Tailors, was seen at his home No. 42 Clinton-st. He said that committees had been waiting on him all day to try to persuade him to take charge of the strike. He said he did not want to do so. "If the tailors act cuteby." he continued, "they will surely win. The bosses are trying to force them to enter on a general strike. I cannot tell what the result will be for a day or two. If the contractors can get all the shops to lock out the men it will be a big thing. The bosses want to abolish the weekly work system and restore the task work system. To-morrow will be the crucial day. The Brotherhood of Tailors is better organized than ever before. I won't ta'k about its finances. It has never asked assistance and never will."

The tailors were still of the opinion that Mr. Schoenfeld would consent to lead them in the present fight. They have won every battle they have fought under his guidance in the past. In the mean time Benjamin Switzer, another trusted leader, has consented to act. by," he continued, "they will surely win. The

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The shops where the lockouts took place yesterday are mostly in Hester, Orchard, Canal, Lodlow, Clinton, Grand and adjacent streets in me most densely populated parts of the East Side. The Hebrew tailors work on Sunday, and the unusual spectacle of the shops being closed yesterday attracted attention.

The locked-out tailors had many sympathizers.

Actual Contain Kirschner, of the Eleventh Pre-

Acting Captain Kirschner, of the Eleventh Pre-cinet, was on duty all day at the station in Eldridge-st. He said he was watching the prog-ress of the trouble, and had the reserves ready for any emergency. There were no acts of vio-lence or trouble of any kind reported up to a late

CONTRACTORS SIDE OF IT.

The contractors, at Roberts Hall, were not inclined to give out much information yesterday. Herman Bolosk said the committee had been busy all day visiting the shops to see that the new rules were enforced and that none of the

"There are between four hundred and five hundred shops," he continued, "represented in the Clothing Contractors' Mutual Protective Association, and printed notices of the new rules were posted in them this morning. The contractors are resolved to throw over the old agreement because they cannot make a living under the present agreement, much less any money. They seek only to break the agreement in so far as it relates to the control of the shops. They are determined to run the shops to suit themselves. They intend to be the bosses and not let the men boss them. Heretofore the men in each shop have elected one of their number chairman, and he had run the shop to suit aimself. If the boss told the men to do anything, they would first consult the chairman. He generally ruled against the boss. We were mere figureheads, and all we did was to pay the bills. Whenever a boss refused to do as the chairman ordered, the men were ordered on strike, and the union would uphold them. The union would blacklist the shop, and the boss would be unable to hire any taliors to do his work He could There are between four hundred and five

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A SPANISH FORCE WIPED OUT THE ICE HAD TO BE CLEARED. ENRAGED AT THE GRIPMAN. KILLED BY A BLOW IN THE EYE MR. CLEVELAND RETURNS.

FIVE HUNDRED INSURGENTS KILL OR CAPTURE EIGHTY SOLDIERS.

A FIGHT AT MINAS, IN WHICH A LIEUTENANT AND TWENTY-THREE PRIVATES MEET THEIR DEATH-THE PRISONERS SET AT LIB-

ERTY-REPORTED DEFEAT OF

Havana, Dec. 15 .- A terrible combat took place Centractors' Mutual Protective Association to on December 9.at Minas, in Paerto Principe, becut the tailors was carried out yesterday. I tween eighty Spanish troops, under Gruesa, and a party of rebels numbering 500 men, commanded by Lopez Recio and Rodriguez. The struggle was a sanguinary one, the rebels using machetes with terrible effect. The superior force of the enemy the Spanish force twenty-three were killed, eight wounded, eighteen were token prisoners and fourteen are missing. Among the rebels killed were bosses also insisted on making the rules them- Oscar Primelles, Eugenio Recio and Angel Espi-After the combat Lopez Recio sent the mounted troops to the Senado plantation. On the day following the fight the Spanish prisoners were set at

> ANOTHER ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE. Madrid, Dec. 15 .- A dispatch to "The Imparcial" from Havana says that 800 insurgents surprised seventy-two Spanish troops who were oraging near Minas, between Nuevitas and Puerto Principe. The insurgents fired a volley into the Spaniards and then charged them with machetes. The Spaniards made a heroic resistance, killing many of the rebels, but were themselves completely crushed. A lieutenant and twenty-three privates were killed, while the rest of the Spanish force, except four men, were either wounded or taken prisoners. A Spanish column has started in pursuit of the rebels. "The Imparcial" also has a dispatch from Santa Clara saying that General Oliver has defeated Gomez and Macco at Mabujina. The insurgent loss was heavy. The Spanish loss was five killed and twenty wounded.

DOES SPAIN SUPPRESS NEWS?

IS AFRAID TO HAVE THE FACTS TOLD IN

THE CUBAN DIFFICULTY. Washington, Dec. 15. In an interview to be pub "The Washington Times" to-morrow Seffor Quesada, secretary of the Cuban Patriotic Associa tion, answers the statements made in a pamphlet recently circulated among members of Congress do. There appeared to be some doubt about and Government officials with a view to counter acting the growing feeling of friendliness for the cause of the Cuban insurgents upon the matter of the reports allowed to be sent from the Island of

> can press to defend itself of the two implied charges, ing to the writer to recall that if the newspapers in this country have not been able to obtain exa news it has been because the cable and the mail

news it has been because the cable and the mail have been in the hands exclusively of and tampered with by the Spanish authorities, who would not allow any matter to go through but what was favorable to the Government.

"Did Martinez Campos give the order or not that all foreign correspondents should not go into the Cuban ranks? Were they not threatened with being shot immediately if they disobeyed? Does the writer know of the experience of every newspaper man who has refused to sell his American manhood and to dishonor his calling by faisifying reports of battless or excessible.

investigation, otherwise it will look as afraid of the power of the American per

CAMPOS HAS NOT RESIGNED. OFFICIAL DENIAL OF THE REPORT PUBLISHED IN

THE 'FIGARO," OF PARIS.

Madrid, Dec. 15 .- An official denial is made of the report published in the "Figaro," of Paris, that Captain-General Martinez Campos has resigned his command in Cuba.

THE LOSS OF THE BELLE O'BRIEN. Baltimore, Dec. 15 .- Captain Dunn, of the British steamship Lord Frne, from Swansea, to-day brought into port a survivor of the American ship Belle O'Brien, which foundered off the English coast. Another seaman who was picked up at the man went crazy from hunger and thirst, and jumped overboard. From Captain Dunn's log the . following information was taken:
"At noon of November 30, in latitude 55:53 north,

longitude 14:58 west, a small boat, hearing the name Belle O'Brien, Thomaston, was picked up. In it were two very exhausted men, one of whom proved to be James Brooks, of Liverpool, the second mate of the Belle O'Brien. The other man was too ill to speak. He died the following morning, and was buried at sea at 10 o'clock. Brooks said the dead man's name was Peterson. The men had been without food or water for ten days." Brooks says that the Belle O'Brien was abanloned on November 20, when she was nearly fu doned on November 20, when she was nearly full of water. He, with two of the crew, occupied one of the small boats. What became of the captain and other members of the crew he does not know. Brooks and his two companions were tossed about in the open sea for days. One of the men, whose name is believed to have been Shovin, became insane, and a day or two before the Lord Erne nove in sight he jumped overboard.

Captain Dunn reports that Brooks has been confined in hed since he was picked up, and that he is still critically ill. His mind is not clear, and no connected statement of the foundering of the Belle O'Brien or of the experiences of Brooks and the companyions in the oten boat has been secured.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 15.—The Berkley Manufacturing Company, of Berkley, four miles from here, owned by Page & Sturris, of Providence, has closed a contract with the Herreshofts, of Bristol, to furnish all sail cloth and light sails for yachts built in 1896, large orders having been received.

Wateriury, Conn., Dec. 15.—The ecclesiastical library of the late Rev. John H. Duggan, of St. Patrick's parish, was last right shipped to the Catholic University in Washington, in accordance with the will of the dead priest.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 15.—A bill will be introduced in the Legislature in January next, providing for the incorporation of West Troy as a city. The proposed new city has a population of about twelve thousand. new city has a population of about twelve thousand. Pawtucket, R. I., Dec. 15—Edward Rushford, arrested in omaha. Neb. charged with the embezzlement of \$5,000 from Paul Landy, of Providence, has a wife living with her parents in Central Falls, where she conducts a large dressmaking business. She is surgrised at her husband's downfall and capture. She was married in Worcester ten years ago, and two years later moved to Central Falls. She has no children.

Waterbury, Conn. Dec. 15.—There was made public to-day a scheme for the early formation of a joint stock company of leading men, which will erect a theatre costing \$12,500 on the vacant lot of the Waterbury Furniture Company, in East Main-st. John Morlarity is at the head of the project.

Boise City, Idaho, Dec. 15.—Judge Beatty, in the United States Court, yesterday, rendered a decision in the noted mining case of Taylor against The Last Chance, which has been twice to the Court of Appeals, and once to the Supreme Court of the United States. The decision is in favor of the Last

Buffalo, Dec. 15.—The young woman who com-mitted suicide in a Main-st, boarding-house on De-cember 2, has been finally identified as Miss Edith Yorks, of Waterford, Canada, Her identity was discovered by means of a trunk at the Central Sta-

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 15.—Charles J. Hallen, of California, came to Richmond Thanksgiving Day and married Mrs. Mary Gunnion. They intended opening a store here and went to Cincinnati Thursday last to buy goods. The wife gave her husband nearly \$1,000 in cash, and he left the hotel to buy the stock. The wife returned to Richmond to-day with the information that her husband had disappeared, and she believed him murdered. The police think Hallen has simply run away with her money.

Pure water at club, hotel, home or office can be had always by drinking Arethusa Spring Water. I comes from Seymour, Conn. TRY IT.—(Advi.

A GREAT GATHERING OF SKATERS AT VAN CORTLANDT PARK.

THE POLICE HAD TO DO SOME LIVELY HUSTLING AN EXCITING SUNDAY AFTERNOON SCENE IN TO GET THE MERRYMAKERS OFF THE LAKE

WHEN THE SURFACE BEGAN TO SHAKE-SOME ARRESTS MADE-INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS IN CEN-

From early morning yesterday a steady stream 3 and 4 p. m. a large crowd left the Park angry and grumbling.

TRAL PARK.

given by Sergeant England and the cleven Park underneath the car by witnesses of the accident. policemen under his command, and all went Each train brought not opened all the skaters and hundreds who were not skaters made Van Cortlandt their ob-

It was just about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and, fearing that there might be an accident living for herself and her boys by dressmaking. owing to the ice not being strong enough to hold the enormous crowd, gave orders to Sergeant England to have the public quit for the

THE ICE BEGAN TO SHAKE.

The police calculated that at that time more than 7,000 persons had visited the lake for the purpose of skating, and that the ice had become an inch thinner than it was in the morning. One of the policemen standing directly opposite the police station noticed that the ice had lost its firmness, and that it began to shake. Sergeant England's order that everybody should leave the ice was not obeyed, and the skaters only laughed at the police, and scurried away toward the other end of the lake. A large body of them, numbering possibly 500, gathered at the point where the wavering of the ice was noticed, and proclaimed loudly that they would skate until they got tired. All this time the condition of the ice grew more dangerous, and it was evident that a disaster would have happened unless the skating was discontinued. The nine policemen under command of the sergeant assembled in a body and made a charge on the crowd, with the intention of driving them to the shore. Most of the women when they saw the police advance became frightened and quit the | skull ice, but a large body of the men and boys exthem they skirted away and returned as deflant as ever.

A crowd of young men seemed anxious to create trouble, and, leading a large number of the skaters, yelled: "Come on, boys; let's have all the fun we want!"

The police made three attempts to carry out the order and failed. Then the sergeant, seeing he was to have trouble, sent in a call to the Kingsbridge station for reserves. The patrol wagon, with four men and a mounted policeman, was dispatched from Kingsbridge to the

The reserve soon came rattling up to the scene. It took nearly an hour to clear came the detective with the prisoner, and in the the ice and the police had to arrest four of the rear, most obstreperous on a charge of disorderly con- around the door of the station, trying to get in, duct and had them locked up. These men were Henry Frank, eighteen years old, a clerk, living at No. 208 East One-hundred-and-twenty-sev-enth-st.; Arthur Hermanu, twenty-one years old, enth-st.; Arthur Hermann, twenty-one years old, a clerk, of No. 297 Edgecombe-ave; Edward Doherty, florist, of No. 42 East One-hundred-and Twenty-minth-st, and Rudelph Duff, seven-teen years, a clerk, of No. 27 Prince-st. Doherty and Duff were discharged finally, but Hermann and Frank were held in \$500 bail each.

Another brush between the sparrow guardians

Another brush between and the public occurred during the afternoon at the Conservatory Lake in Central Park. A horde of small boys and girls had invaded the Park from the East Side, and, being disappointed at from the East Side, and, being disappointed at finding that no skating was allowed on any of the lakes, proceeded to make a general nuisance of themselves, racing over the meadows and along the asphalt paths, making all the noise their young and lusty lungs would let them. A gang of the "toughest"—and there were some hickory knobs among the crowd—made for the Conservatory Lake and had soon a fine slide cut out. The example was infectious and soon some 200 boys and girls were sliding in every direction, and the two policemen on duty on that post had all they could do to drive off the trespassers.

assers. In Central Park there was no skating and it is In Central Park there was no skaling and the lower pend at Fifty-ninth-st, and Harlem Mere will be the first to be opened. Unless a thaw sets in, there will be skating to-day in Van Cortlandt and Crotona barks. The crowd going to those places will be less than half of that which flocked to Van Cortlandt yesterday and with the discriptions. the diminished number there will be no danger of an accident.

A RACE AFTER A TANDEM BICYCLE. Mounted Officer Smith, in Central Park, had to try the mettle of his horse in the afternoon, Two young men, Herbert Rosenstein and Samuel Two young men, Herbert Rosenstein and Samuel Foley, were the proud possessors of a tandem bicycle, and as the circular drive round the Webster menument at West Seventy-second-st. was lined by a big crowd of people-who had hoped to have spent the afternoor in skating the young men thought it was a good opportunity to "show off" their skill. They went round the circle at breakneck speed some three times, when Smith ordered them to pull up. Not a bit of it. They sped away up the West Drive with Smith in close pursuit and he gradually gained on the men. Rosenstein jumped off the wheel and was men. Rosenstein jumped off the wheel and was easily captured and Foley was also soon dragged

in. They will have an interview with the Magis-trate at Yorkville Police Court this morning. The splendid condition of the roads tempted every one who had a wheel to go out for a sign through the Park and away up northward. Not all returned home as acund in bone and tissue as when they started. A light wagon driven by C. Barnes, of No. 866 First-ave., to Not all returned home as sound in bone and tissue as when they started. A light wagon driven by C. Barnes, of No. 866 First-ave, to which was hitched a spirited horse, caused a scrious accident. Morris Trassman, of No. 211 East Sixty-ninth-st, was riding his wheel up the East Drive and did not hear the light wagon coming furiously toward him. He was struck in the back, baily cut about the head and neck and his wheel destroyed beyond any chance of repair. It was alsolutely knocked into a "cocked hat." Another man who came to grief was Thomas Weniz, thirty-seven years old, of No. 328 East Seventy-seventh-st, who fell from his bleycle at One-hundred-and-sixth-st, and Fifth-ave. He injured his right knee seriously and was attended by an ambulance surgeon, and finally he drove home in a carriage.

At 2:20 o'clock yesterday afternoom Mounted Officer Cavanagh saw a horse attached to a light wagon going south on Riverside Drive at a furlous pate. The drive was crowded with vehicles at the time, but William L. Willetts, of No. 5 Great Jone-set, who was driving the horse at the time, but William L. Willetts, of No. 5 Great Jone-set, who was driving the horse at the time, but William L. Willetts, of No. 5 Great Jone-set, who was driving the horse at the time, but William L. Willetts, of No. 5 Great Jone-set, who was driving the horse at the time, but to grasp the bridle rein the horse shied from him and then plunged ahead again. Four blocks further down the officer stopped the horse, and was nearly dragged from his horse in doing so. John Moncroft, sixteen years old, of No. 447 West Twenty-seventh-st, and Cornelius Van Nesst, fifteen years old, of No. 424 West Twenty-seventh-st, were arrested at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for skating on the Fifty-inith-sit pond in violation of the Park ordinance. Both prisoners were subsequently discharged by Sergeant McGlynn, as they said they did not know they were stolating any rules.

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At Mount Morris Park Policeman McNamara arrested William McLaughlin, eight years old, of No. 217 East One-hundred-and-seventeenth-st.; Robert O'Mara, fourteen years old, of No. 139 East One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st., and Conrad Linhard, nine years old, of No. 401 East One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st. on a similar charge, and they were sent to the Gerry Society.

Rotly Riggs, sixteen years old, of No. 4 East
One-hundred-and-thirteenth-st., was also arrested on a similar charge, and was sent to the
Kingsbridge station.

THE CROWD PREVENTED HIS MOVING ON AFTER HIS CAR HAD KILLED A BOY.

KINDNESS TO THE BEREAVED AND

DESTITUTE MOTHER.

John McDonald, thirteen years old, one of the two surviving sons of Mrs. Grace McDonald, a there since November 9, when he was asseulted of people flocked from all sides toward Van widow, who lives in two small rooms in the Cortlandt Park to enjoy a long day's skating. tenement-house No. 242 West Thirty-ninth-st., Every one was in the best of humor, but between and supports herself by dressmaking, was run down and killed by a cable-car in upper Broad-Way yesterday afternoon. He lived only a Skating began promptly at 9 a. m. on signals moment after his body had been dragged from John and his eleven-year-old brother Walter

up a large contingent and as Crotona Lake was drygoods store, and their wages went to help their off by her relatives for marrying a man in humble when Park Commissioner McMillan appeared, fore Walter was born, she has earned a scanty turning home for an early supper and were walkand ran directly in the path of car No. 280 as it

> ran along on the northbound track. The gripman falled to see the lad and did not heed the shout of "Lookout!" from Walter. He, too, was watching the fire-engines and the rushing crowd, and in a moment John was knocked down and lay under the fender of the car. Then the gripman awoke from the day dream in which but he was too late. The car ran half a block before it came to a standsvill.

Planks and crowbars were obtained. The car was raised, fully two hundred people assisting. | INSURES A ROCKEFELLER MILLION and the boy's body was taken out. The wheel had passed over his forehead, crushing in the

As soon as the body had been taken out the pressed their determination to remain where gripman attempted to start the car again. In they were. When the police walked toward an instant there was a wild roar from the crowd. A dozen people sprang on to the front platform, and one rough fellow, seizing a plank, swung it over the man's head, crying, "If you don't stop letter to Dr. Goodspeed, financial secretary of the right here I'll smash your skull."

The gripman grew pale as he looked at the circle of angry faces. He made no further attempt Thirtieth-st. station, who happened to be passing, elbowed his way through the crowd and placed the man under arrest, leaving the conductor to take on the car.

Then a little procession was formed to the West Thirtieth-st. police station. The body of the dead boy, laid out on a stretcher was in front, then the crowd. The curious people surged while inside the usual formalities were through. The body was laid out in the section-room, and the prisoner, who gave his name as Robert Witt, of No. 121 West Sixtieth-st., was charged with carelessly running his car, and

the accident. Wild with grief, she threw herself body, and it was some time before she

could tell the story of her circumstances.

It was a sad story when it was told. The
woman was almost destitute and she did not know where to obtain money to bury her son. A collection was taken up for her by the pollecmen and the reporters present, and when the money was handed to her, Captain Pickett supplemented it with a note addressed to an undertaker, which directed him to bury the body at the Captain's personal expense.

THEY STOPPED THE CARS.

on that STATEN ISLAND POLICEMEN HAVE QUEER IDEAS

ON VIOLATIONS OF SUNDAY LAWS. The members of the police force of Richmond ounty, not content with arresting golf players and thereby bringing ridicule upon their heads, made another arrest yesterday morning which is likely to again bring them into prominence as conservers

of public morality. A company in which many of the officers of the Metropolitan Traction Company are interested has been building a trolley line along the island's shores. One of the foremen in charge of the work is William R. Ryan, the son of Thomas Ryan, a gang of men young Ryan was having the cars o

gang of men young Ryan was having the cars of the company, which have been standing in Tompkins-ave. Tompkinsville, removed to the car house in Brook-st., about a mile away. The cars being heavy it was necessary to hitch six horses, in order to get them over the grades. While one of the cars was being hauled over the tracks the men were stopped by Policemen Correy and Kuhnt, the latter one of the reform appointees. They were told to stop work at once, as they were volating the law in moving the cars.

Young Ryan insisted that the cars be moved, but the police refused to let them go on. He then ordered the men to so shead and was as promptly arrested. He was taken before Justice Augustus Acker, who released him on his own recognizance. While the young man is inclined to treat the whole matter as a joke, public sentiment has been loud in condemnation of the arrest. Just what difference there can be between hauling a trolley car with horses and operating it with electricity cannot be explained even by the police, and the people are wondering whether the tradey cars will be allowed to run when the life is ready.

THREE MEN UPSET IN A RUNAWAY.

BIG CORN CROP OF ILLIYOIS Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.-A bulletin on corn issued

by the Illinois Department of Agriculture vesterday says: "Reports received by the Department from crop correspondents, show that the shortage in the wheat crop this year is more than compensated for by the immense yield of corn, which has been exceeded but four times—in 1815, 1815, 1815 and 1888. On the reported area of 6.926.000 acres, 267,425,405 bushels were produced, an average of thirty-nine bushels per acre. The large yield lowered the price of corn, which averaged but 20 cents per bushel on December 1 and was very uniform throughout the State. Had the entire crop been sold at this price the producers would have received \$57,749,000."

AN UMBRELLA THRUST CAUSES DEATH.

HEALY PERSISTED IN REFUSING TO GIVE THE

NAME OF HIS ASSAILANT, OR TO TELL THE TROUBLE WHICH LED TO

THE ATTACK.

Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon made an autopsy vesterday afternoon on the body of Michael Healy, ing at St. Vincent's Hospital, he having been with an umbrella by some unknown person. Whoeyer assaulted Healy thrust the point of the um brella in his right eye, and the autopsy showed that this caused cerebral meningitis, which resulted in death. The point of the umbrella fract-

The wound was of a very unusual nature, and Dr. Phelps, visiting surgeon to St. Vincent's, and Dr. Kyle, the house surgeon, watched the pro-ceedings with interest. Each was of the opinion that the umbrella wound was the primary cause

working on Healy's case since he was wounded, but they have never gained enough information to warrant an arrest. Healy himself would never say who assaulted him. He had been delirious most of the time, but on one occasion declared that when he got well he would "get even" with his as-

The only witness to the assault was William C. Dauphin, of No. 114 Perry-st. Before daylight on along Hudson-st., near Broome. Healy was going toward his home, at No. 8 Grove-st, where he bourded with his brother, Edward Healy, a city marshal by Mayor Strong's appointment. Dauphin, who was on the opposite side of the street from Healy, saw two men meet Healy. The latter rushed at the men as if to strike them. One of to the which he was sent to the hospital. The ice and the Coroner were unable to get a state-nt from him. Three detectives worked on the e, and found that Healy had been in several ones on the night before the assault, but they e unable to learn of his having had trouble hany one at any of them. He was married, had been living apart from his wife.

MISS CULVER'S GIFT TO CHICAGO UNIVERSITY WILL BE DUPLICATED.

Chicago, Dec. 15 .- The gift of \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago by Miss Helen Culver is doubly welcome, as it insures \$1,990,960 more from John D. Rockefeller. Less than two months ago. on November 2, Mr. Rockefeller sent the following

University:

I will contribute to the University of Chicago \$1,000,000 for endowment, payable January 1, 1895, in eash, or at my option in approved interest-bearing securities at their face market value.

I will contribute in addition \$2,000,000 for endowment or otherwise as I may designate, payable in cash, or at my option in interest-bearing securities at their face market value, but only in amounts at their face market value, but only in amounts acquait to the contributions of others in cash or its equivalent, and hitherto promised, as the same shall be received by this university.

This piedge shill be void as to any portion of the sum herein promised, which shall prove not to be payable on the above terms on or before January 1, 1900. Yours very truly.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

This means \$3,000,000 for the University in less than fifty days, and it is probable a school of medicine will be established in addition to the benefits bestowed on blology by Miss Culver's gift.

The doubt in regard to the gift to the Chicago University of \$1,000,000 by Miss Helen Culver, a niece of the late Charles J. Hull, arising from an alleged denial of the story by John D. Rockefeller, has been effectively dispelled. On Saturday Mr. Rockefeller received the following telegram from

Hyde Park, Ill., Dec. 1f. 1895. John D. Rockefeller, No. 4 West Fifty-fourth-st., John D. Rockeleist, So. New-York.

New-York.

Miss Helen Culver has just signed papers for gift of \$1,000,000 to the university, to be used for bialogical departments. Gift comes in income-producing real estate in Chicago on West Side. We are very

STORMS ON BOTH COASTS.

VESSELS REPORTED MISSING AT BOTH ATLAN-TIC AND PACIFIC PORTS.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 15 .- Another storm is raging to-day, and shipping in port has been considerably damaged. Steamers are unable to leave, and there is no prospect of vessels off the coast making land while the storm continues. Over twenty local vessels, carrying from five to ten men each, are overdue, having been out during the whole gale, it is feared that some of them will never reach

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15 .- Great anxiety is now felt for the safety of the coasting steamer Mande. She left Alberne, Vancouver Island, on December 4, and should have reached this port in forty-eigh hours, but has not been heard of since. Seach for her will be begun to-morrow. Tremendous gales have swept the British Columbia coastline during the past few days. The British flagship Royal Arthur, under the command of Admiral Stephenson. sailed this morning in search of the disabled steam ship Strathnev's. She has been fitted with an oldfashloned "crow's nest" on her foremast, from which powerful searchlights will be utilized at night.

Boston, Dec. 15 .- After an extraordinary struggle with the raging elements on the stormy Atlantic Ocean, the Arrow Line steamship Croft (British), Captain Robinson, arrived at Mystie Wharf, Charlestown, at 11 o'clock this morning from Ham-burg, via Shields, England. At different periods during the voyage those on board were fearful that the steamer would founder wih all hands, but she escaped without material damage.

At 2 p. m. on Tuesday last Captain Robinson was obliged to heave-to his vessel, as tremendous high combers continually swept her decks causing her to roll and pitch heavily. Last Wednesday night the eas carried away the wheel house, doors, gratings and all movables from the decks. During a full in and all movables from the decks. During a luit in the storm at 4 p. m. on Thursday the steamer was again headed toward her destination. At 4 a m. on Saturday the wind again increased and blew violently. Four hours later, on account of the heavy weather and the thick snow and sleet. Captain Robinson decided to run for Gloucester rarbor, where he safely anshored at 10 a. m. It was a pretty piece of navigation for a captain to reach that harbor without a pilot, as the coast is of a rocky nature, and he ran good chances of going ashore. He was obliged to take this step as he was unable to secure the services of a Boston pilot.

BODY OF AN OSSIFIED MAN STOLEN.

Wichits, Kan., Dec. 15.—A message received here from Douglass states that the body of Edgar Pratt. said to be the most completely ossifled man in the world, and who died recently, has been stolen from its grave. Some time before Pratt died he was taken before a medical society in New-York, where his case was pronounced wonderful. He lived nine years as rigid as the dead, being kept alive by thin soup fed through his set teeth. The society offered him a pension of \$1.000 a year while he lived and his widow \$5.000 at his death if he would consent to give his body to the society after death, which was refused. The offer so alarmed the family that when Mr. Pratt died the body was burded under a flower hed in front of his father's chamber window, as a precaution against thieves. The message says the father was called as a juror to the county seat the other day and in his absence the grave was robbed. its grave. Some time before Pratt died he was taken

WEST TAKE OUT LIQUOR LICENSES. Omaha, Dec. 15.-Agent Hughston, of the Adams

Express Company at Hastings, was yesterday convicted in the Federal Court of selling whiskey without a license. Sentence has not been promethods of express companies throughout the country. The Federal law requires all persons handling spirits to have a license. Brewers save thousands of dollars annually by consigning goods direct to express companies in filling orders, who collect and remit. Under this ruling they will be forced to take out licenses for all distributing points, however small, and will not be permitted to depend on express companies. The case will be appealed. methods of express companies throughout the country. The Federal law requires all persons

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NORTH CAROLINA COLOR-APPARENTLY IN GOOD HEALTH-AT NO TIME WAS /

THE PARTY IN DANGER

FROM THE STORM.

Washington, Dec. 15.-President Cleveland and his shooting companions returned to Washington to-day at 2:39 p. m. on the lighthouse tender Maple, laden with ducks, and a deep brown color. At the wharf there was the same little crowd of loungers, the same wagon to carry away the slaughtered game, the same Mr. Thurber summoned to meet the President by telephone message from the Indian Head Proving Ground, and the same Sinclair, the White

There was only one thing to mark a difference between Mr. Cleveland's return to-day and on former occasions-and that was in the weather. Heretofore the Presidential voyagers have landed at the wharf in the midst of falling snow or wind at "half a gale." To-day was warm and pleasant, and the balmy atmosphere must have seemed strange to the tanned-faced hunters after their unpleasant experiences in the Hatteras storm of last week.

The telephone message sent by the President from Indian Head said that the Maple would morning of November 9 he saw Healy walking arrive at her wharf here at 2 o'clock. Some time before that hour Sinclair and one of the White House servants drove down to the wharf in a covered wagon intended for baggage and game. A little later came Mrs. O'Reilly, the wife of Major R. M. O'Rellly, the army surgeon who has attended the President on his shooting trips to North Carolina waters.

Owing to the presence of several vessels at the ice wharf where the Maple usually ties up the little tender could not land her passengers there, and was obliged to run in at the pier of the Riverview excursion boats. At 2:20 o'clock she was sighted coming around a bend in the river, and Private Secretary Thurber, who had arrived about half an hour previously in the President's coupé, waited on the end of the los wharf, unconscious that the landing would be made some hundred yards below. But the quick eyes of the score or more of newsboys, bootblacks and wharf loungers who had surmised from the presence of the White House coup4 that Mr. Cleveland was near at hand, and had gathered on the end of the wharf, saw that the Maple was turning in to the Riverview pier, and made a rush down the street in that direction. Mr. Thurber followed driving over the rough cobblestones at a rattling pace.

The young gatekeeper was at first inclined to view the Private Secretary as a newspaper man and to refuse to admit him, but Mr. Thurber finally managed to pass the portals of exclusiveness through the efforts of Commander Benjamin P. Lamberton, of the Navy, lighthouse inspector for this district. He and Commander George F. F. Wilde, the naval secretary of the Lighthouse Board, were the other companions of the President on his shooting trip. Paul Lamberton, Commander Lamberton's son, was with Mr. Thurber.

Those who were not admitted to the wharf peered through the wooden palings of the gate and watched the debarkation with interest. They saw Mr. Thurber grasp the President's hand and inform him that everybody at the White House was well. The President wore silk hat and a beaver overcoat. He appeared to be in excellent health. For ten minutes or so the President and his friends and Captain French, of the Maple, chatted on the wharf and then the party marched to the gate with Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Thurber in the lead. Dr. O'Reilly drove away with his wife. Commander Wilde, Commander Lamberton and his son took the streetears and the President and Mr. Thurber entered the coupé and were whirled off to the

White House. Meanwhile Sinclair, his assistant and the ers of the Maple were carrying to the White House wagon the President's guns and traps and the game that had been killed. Altogether there were sixty ducks, thirty-two partridges, five geese and four brant. There were no swans in the Presidential gamebag this year. The longevity of these birds is proverbial. Last winter Mr. Cleveland shot several of them, and one of them in the general distribution fell to the lot of Private Secretary Thurber. "How did you like that swan?" Mr. Cleveland asked a few you like that swan?" Mr. Cleveland asked a few you like that swan." Mr. Cleveland asked a few days later. "Haven't been able to taste it yet." Mr. Thurber replied. "Why so?" asked the President. "Well, sir." replied Mr. Thurber, "after boiling it for three whole days I was not able to get my teeth through one of its cen-tennial tendons."

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With this experience to guide them the Presidential party decided this year to let the swan remain, in the classical language of the Eton Latin grammar, a "rara avis in terra." The President and his companions kept a small part of the game killed, and the rest was delivered to-night at the houses of the members of the Cabinet. Assistant Secretary Hamlin, of the Treasury Department, and Private Secretary Thurber.

Thurber.

A member of the shooting party said this evening that no alarm need have been felt for the safety of the President and his companions during the terrific storm that raged at Cape Hatteras while they were in that region. The tender Violet, to which the party was transferred from the Maple at Norfolk, was well sheltered during the gale in the Cape channel. She did not drag her anchors, and everybody had a good time, he said. The trip in the Maple from Norfolk to Washington was without noticeable incident.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

CHAIRMAN HARRITY TRINKS IT SHOULD BE HELD NOT LATER THAN JULY I.

Philadelphia, Dec 15.-National Democratic Chairman Harrity, when questioned about the story that he favored New-York as the place of meeting for the next National Convention, had this to say: have no personal or political choice as to the con-vention city other than that I should, of course,

have no personal or political choice as to the convenient city other than that I should, of course, like to see a city selected that would be reasonably convenient of access to the delegates and others who will attend, and which by reason of its hotel accommodations will be able to provide for the comfort of those present."

Speaking of the time of the convention he said: "It seems to me impracticable to expect to hold the convention later than the latter part of June or the beginning of July, although some may contend for a later date. If the nominations should be made in the first week of July it would mean a nominal campaign of four months and an actual campaign in which the public would take an interest of less than three months. The first month or six weeks of a campaign would be necessarily devoted to preliminary work in which the general public would take little or no interest."

Mr. Harrity declined to express an opinion as to the Collins resolution limiting the number of persons in the convention hall to delegates, alternates, members of the National Committee and members of the press. It is generally understood, however, that he personable number of visitors, and that he is convinced that there is no reason to deviate from the plan pursued hereofore.

MANY MERCHANTS VICTIMIZED.

Altoona, Penn., Dec. 15 .- A swindler who has been victimizing merchants in many cities throughout the State was arrested at Irwin and brought here last night. He victimized a number of merchants here by presenting checks drawn in favor of James here by presenting cheeks grawn in favor of James Black, on the German National Bank of Pittsburg. The cheeks were usually for \$29 or \$25. After leaving this city Black or George Parker, as he was otherwise known, went to Tyrone, Huntingdon and Lancaster, where he successfully worked the swindle. Many Pittsburg merchants were taken in by the sharper before he came East.

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